

HOUSE RESOLUTION 44

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Darlene Smith on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Smith is one such estimable individual, who has been named a 2015 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, a cancer advocate, Darlene Smith has served on the board of several organizations; she is a co-founder of the Young Survivor Support group, and she is also a member of Scenic City Survivors, the creators of the Celebration of Life Breast Cancer calendar benefiting the MaryEllen Locher Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith has served twice as a consumer advocate for the Department of Defense's Breast Cancer Research program, and she lobbies for cancer legislative reform on both the state and federal levels. She was selected as a breast cancer advocate for Martina McBride's *Eleven* tour, has been featured on two national public service announcements, and is the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network lead for Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, she enjoys the love and support of her husband of forty years, Jerry, and they are the proud parents of three children, Mandy Crossen, Megan Zarling, and Missy Goodlet, and the loving grandparents of five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Darlene Smith takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Darlene Smith who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Darlene Smith on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.